California State University, Long Beach

DAILY 49ER

VOL. LXVII, ISSUE 100 | WWW.DAILY49ER.COM | THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH, LIBRARY ARCHIVES

CFA

Fight for Five goes dark into the stretch

The CFA and CSU return to the bargaining table to reach an agreement by Friday.

BY TARYN SAUER
Staff Writer

The California Faculty Association and California State University have announced a two-day blackout period as they resume negotiations in order to avoid the strike set to occur April 13-15 and 18-19.

Members from both parties met on April 5 to discuss the effects the strike would have on students, faculty and administration. In a joint statement, both parties announced that in order to preserve the relationship between the CSU and CFA, it would be best to temporarily halt strike plans and forgo communication with media.

With the release of the fact-finding report on March 28, which urged the CSU to consent to the 5 percent raise requested by the CFA, the CSU, instead, dissented, citing lack of available resources, and holding with their offer of a 2 percent raise.

The CFA pushed back, saying that the CSU has over $500 million in excess cash flow generated last year alone, not to mention $2 billion in reserves. They said it was a matter of priorities, not money.

During the April 5 meeting, CFA Chapter President Jennifer Eagan said the CFA was pleased to hear Chancellor Timothy White highlight the same concerns the CFA has expressed from the beginning.

The union members have continually voiced that they do not want to strike but they will. They said they recognized the inconvenience it would have on students and faculty, but that it would be necessary to strike in order to send a message to the CSU that professors deserve a living wage.

From the start, CFA Chapter President Doug Domingo-Foraste said he hoped for such a solution to avoid the strike.

"I would like to see the administrators sit down as equal partners with the faculty," he said, "and [discuss] what can we do to educate students well, where can we put our resources that students will be better educated and become better people, better citizens, better employees. We [the faculty] are their greatest resource."

The current negotiations will either end in an agreement or will push "full speed ahead towards the strike," Eagan said in a statement.

The CFA has scheduled a joint press conference with the CSU for Friday in the hopes of announcing a new deal.

Inside the Fight for Five

What the California Faculty Association wants:

A 5 percent general salary increase for all of the CFA's roughly 23,000 members and an additional 2.65 percent Service Salary Increase for eligible faculty.

What California State University is offering:

A 2 percent general salary increase that is consistent with the increase given to executives, administrators and other unions on campus.



PHOTO BY GREGORY R. R. CROSBY

The finest of arts at CSULB

Six seperate performances, including two by internationally acclaimed choreographers, and a host of CSULB dancers highlight CSULB Dance in Concert. Additionally, a CSULB production of the opera "The Bartered Bride" opens at the University Theatre. See previews on page 6.

ASI

Elections inundated by scandal runoff

ASI judiciary hearing orders a temporary halt for the presidential runoff.

BY MICHAELA KWOKA-COLEMAN
Staff Writer

The Associated Students Inc. Judiciary Committee ordered on Wednesday a postponement of the runoff election for ASI president until the committee reaches its decision on presidential candidate Oscar Acevedo's appeal.

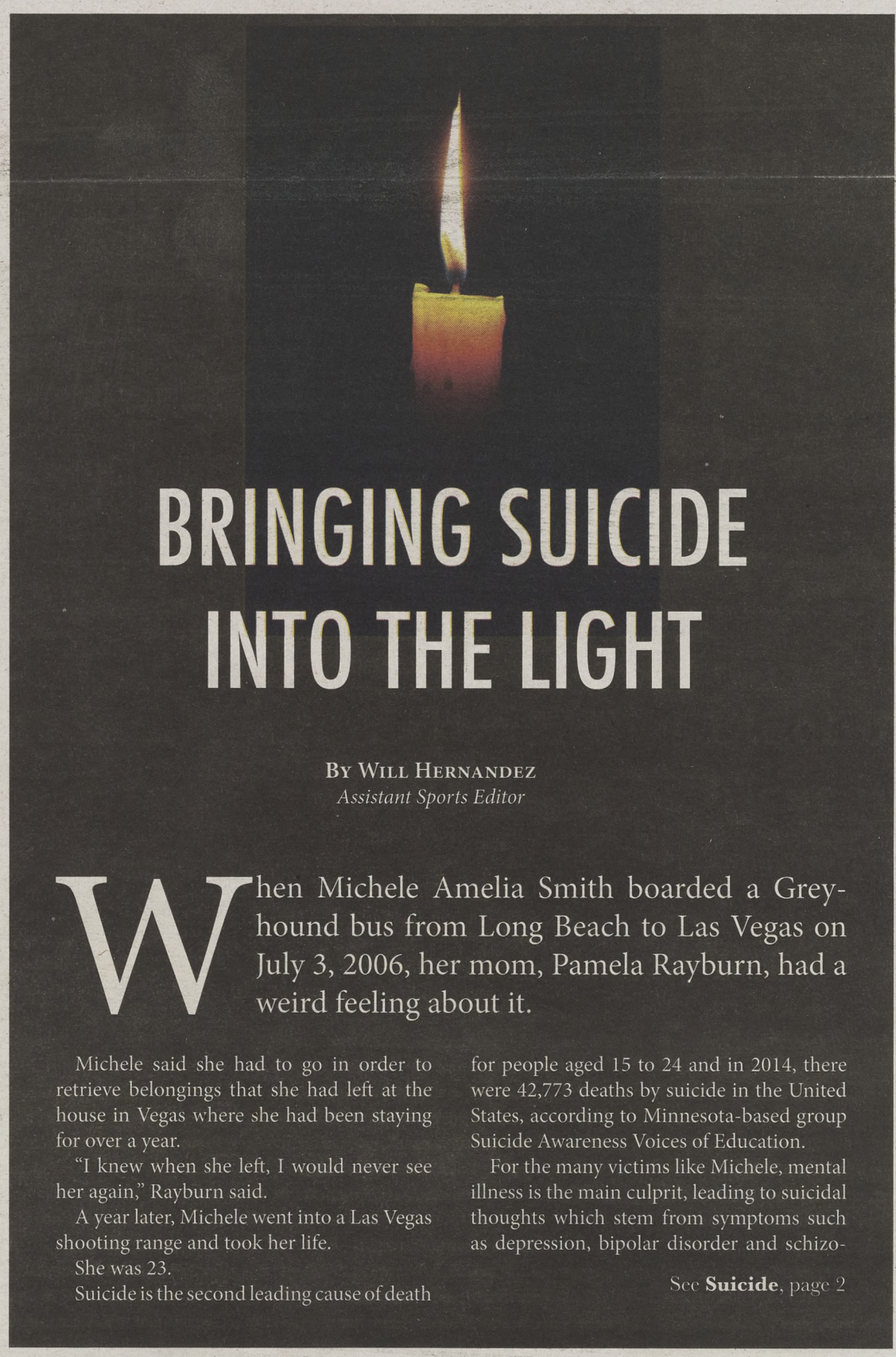
Acevedo had been disqualified from the the presidential election after a Board of Elections hearing found him guilty of numerous campaign violations.

These violations included coercing students into voting for him, tabling past the allowed time and giving students Chick-fil-A gift cards, chips and other freebies in exchange for votes.

Acevedo countered that he was not given the chance to defend himself or provide witnesses during his first Board of Elections hearing. He also said that the first hearing created a conflict of interest since all the members of the board are members of ASI.

ASI Interim Communications and

See **ASI**, page 3



BRINGING SUICIDE INTO THE LIGHT

BY WILL HERNANDEZ
Assistant Sports Editor

When Michele Amelia Smith boarded a Greyhound bus from Long Beach to Las Vegas on July 3, 2006, her mom, Pamela Rayburn, had a weird feeling about it.

Michele said she had to go in order to retrieve belongings that she had left at the house in Vegas where she had been staying for over a year.

"I knew when she left, I would never see her again," Rayburn said.

A year later, Michele went into a Las Vegas shooting range and took her life.

She was 23.

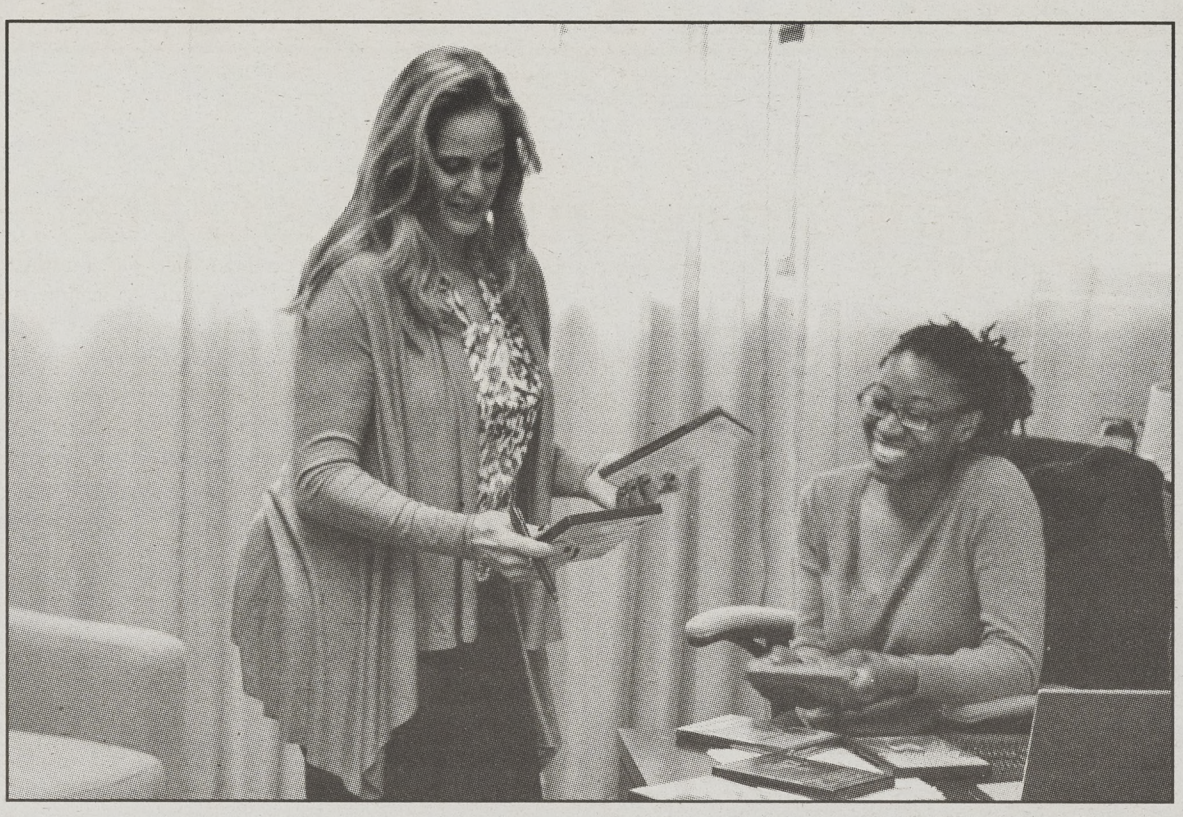
Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people aged 15 to 24 and in 2014, there were 42,773 deaths by suicide in the United States, according to Minnesota-based group Suicide Awareness Voices of Education.

For the many victims like Michele, mental illness is the main culprit, leading to suicidal thoughts which stem from symptoms such as depression, bipolar disorder and schizo-

See **Suicide**, page 2

SUICIDE

continued from page 1



WILL HERNANDEZ | DAILY 49ER

Pam Rayburn, right, discusses what movies to show at the next Women's Gender Equity Center Workshop with WGEC colleague.

phrenia, according to England's publicly funded National Health Service.

Dr. Brad Compliment, director of CSULB's Counseling and Psychological Services, said that while the current suicide statistics are alarming, they are somewhat skewed.

"The reality is actually lower among college students," Compliment said. "Part of that is we are more educated about it and more services are available for students with these thoughts."

Compliment said that living up to expectations, getting through the difficult trials of the semester and having an unbalanced lifestyle culminate to illnesses such as depression or anxiety.

He also said that finding a balance between school, work and time spent with family and friends are ways to decrease the risk of suffering from a mental illness.

Meanwhile, Rayburn hopes the story of her daughter, Michele, helps students at CSULB become more educated about suicide prevention.

Michele was diagnosed with schizophrenia and had trouble accepting the fact that she was mentally ill. She bypassed anti-depressants and opted instead to self-medicate with illicit drugs and alcohol.

> She always went 110 percent and suddenly she went down to 50.
>
> *-Pam Rayburn, coordinator, Women's and Gender Equity Center*

"To be diagnosed with a disability, it was a hard pill [for her] to swallow," Rayburn said.

Before Michele's first failed suicide attempt, she was a talented artist, student-athlete, model and eventually planned on becoming an actress in the future; she was even a member of the Screen Actors Guild as a child.

Rayburn says Michele was a strong-willed and assertive teenager at Lakewood High School and Long Beach Polytechnic High School; she was active in sports and attended volleyball camp in the summer. One of her idols growing up was CSULB alumna and three-time olympic gold medalist Misty May-Treanor.

Like May-Treanor, Rayburn said that Michele was a go-getter, but when Rayburn divorced Michele's father, Jerell Smith, Michele's mental and physical health started to decline.

"She always went 110 percent and suddenly she went down to 50," Rayburn said. "It made it harder for her to stay compliant because she didn't want to go through this."

In two weeks, Smith lost 20 pounds and was struggling to maintain her well-being. She dropped out of Golden West College, where she played volleyball. On top of that, she did not have health insurance so she couldn't get the professional help she needed.

"If you walk into the hospital claiming that you are suffering from depression and have no insurance you're probably not going to get help," Rayburn said. "You will probably be put on hold."

In 2005, Michele took a concoction of several prescription drugs which left her blacked out and belligerent in her family's neighborhood. After Long Beach Police managed to control her, Michele was taken to the emergency room where doctors revealed to Rayburn the state that Michele was in.

"They said she had anything and everything," Rayburn said.

It was a failed suicide attempt. Following this outburst, Rayburn kicked her daughter out of the house.

"It is one thing to live with someone who is mentally ill and another to live with someone who is mentally ill and has a substance abuse problem," Rayburn said.

After being thrown out, Michele wound up in Las Vegas where she lived for more than a year, during which time her mom did not see her.

Finally, Michele and her mother met again after Rayburn filed a missing persons report. But the reunion between Michele and her mother was cut short. A day before the Fourth of July in 2006, Michele decided to go back to Vegas.

On July 3, 2007, Rayburn received a phone call from a 702 area code; it was the Las Vegas coroner's office saying that Michele shot herself at a shooting range. It was exactly one year after Michele boarded that Greyhound.

Although letting Michele go back to Las Vegas ended tragically, Rayburn said she would probably let her go if she had the chance to do it again.

"I believe that everyone has their own path to take," Rayburn said.

Today, Rayburn is a coordinator for the CSULB Women's and Gender Equity Center and uses her story to help students at CSULB deal with their struggles as a committee member for Project OCEAN, an organization that focuses on campus suicide prevention and destigmatizing mental illnesses.

Because suicide and mental health are stigmatized topics, Project OCEAN's mission is to build a community of understanding that is able to respond and support students contemplating suicide.

Project OCEAN trains faculty, staff and students at CSULB how to spot signs of suicide and "Question, Persuade and Recommend" someone showing these tendencies to help keep them away from acting out on their rash urges.

Project OCEAN held four 90-minute QPR sessions this semester for anyone looking to become QPR gatekeepers.

Although Rayburn thinks the world today is more aware of the effects of mental illness, she believes that there is still a lot of work to do.

> The voices got really bad. That's when I attempted suicide.
>
> *-Robert Bergman, CSULB graduate student*

Similar to the traumatic snowball effect that took over Michele's health, Robert Bergman, 44, a graduate student planning on becoming a social worker after completing his master's in social work, said he was battling voices inside his head for quite a while.

Growing up, Bergman barely saw both his parents. He did not have his father around, because he always worked swing shifts even though he lived with him, and had little to no contact with his mom.

Five years after graduating from Fountain Valley High School, Bergman battled severe depression and started to have auditory hallucinations.

He was adamant about using the antidepressants prescribed to him but found they were not helping. He joined the Navy at 23, where he became a heavy drinker.

When he left the Navy, Bergman bounced around different jobs. At the same time, his suicidal thoughts continued.

"The voices got really bad." Bergman said. "That's when I attempted suicide."

Today, Bergman is the co-president of the Active Minds club at CSULB, a student-run national organization that educates college students about mental health awareness and how to recognize and prevent suicide.

"I don't want anybody to go through their mental illness without help," Bergman said.

Bergman's failed suicide happened when he was 25. Almost 20 years later, Bergman still hears voices but is now sober and working to help people in a difficult situation as he was.

"I think with telling my story that others have come clean about having suicidal thoughts themselves or attempted suicide," Bergman said. "I think it's been able to help both them and me."

Like Bergman, Rayburn has come to terms with what took place in the past.

Every day, Rayburn wears a silver butterfly on her index finger that helps symbolize her daughter's life before her mental illness took its toll.

Like butterflies, Rayburn said that Michele was full of life.

When the anniversary of Michele's death comes around, Rayburn and her two sons tend to go on their own ways and remember Michele alone. Rayburn said she has been planning on climbing the Swiss Alps but a severely injured toe has prevented her. As motivation, Rayburn reminds herself about something Michele used to say to her.

"She would tell me, 'Mom, if you want to do it, just do it,'" Rayburn said.

EYE CARE for STUDENTS
EAP OPTOMETRY
6541 E. SPRING ST.
LONG BEACH, CA 90808
562.496.3365
EapOptometry.com
Our office is located in the Stater Bros. Shopping Center (Spring St. & Palo Verde Ave.)*A value frame with single vision plastic lenses (sph 4, cyl 3). A valid current student ID must be presented at the time of services. The offer cannot be combined with any other discounts or insurance.
$99 SPECIAL
INCLUDES:
EYE EXAM + EYEGLASSES*
OR
EYE EXAM +
1 PAIR OF DISPOSABLE CONTACT LENSES
OR
20% OFF EYE EXAM
20% OFF EYEGLASSES
20% OFF PRESCRIPTION SUNGLASSES

49ER SPORTS
CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK
Daily 49er Sports
FOLLOW US ON TWITTER
@49erSports

ASI

continued from page 1

Special Projects Manager James Ahumada said that while the Board of Elections is under the umbrella of ASI, the board itself does not answer to the ASI senate and is a separate entity.

During the hearing, Acevedo maintained his stance that giving away promotional items is permitted in the elections handbook and that candidates are encouraged to be creative in their campaigning.

Acevedo said that neither he nor any of his campaign workers willfully deceived voters or coerced students into voting.

In a March 24 Board of Elections meeting, General Elections Officer Vrinda Bhuta cited an email sent to her by a student who asked for her vote for Acevedo to be discounted because she had felt forced to vote for him.

However, the writer of the email was not present at the March 24 meeting and Acevedo said that the writer's absence raised questions about the email's validity.

Acevedo said that he was never given the chance to see the email and said that although he can't prove it, he believes Bhuta is conspiring with Marvin Flores, a current ASI senator-at-large and the frontrunner in the presidential runoff, to disqualify him from the election.

The complaints filed with the Board of Elections against Acevedo's campaign — which led to his disqualification — were filed by Flores and Bhuta on March 23.

Attorney General Susy Cuevas represented the Board of Elections at the hearing.

Cuevas said that candidates are governed by the elections handbook and are responsible for the actions of their campaign workers.

Audio evidence submitted by Cuevas had Acevedo telling students to vote and how and where to vote. Acevedo is also heard telling a student which candidate for treasurer to vote for.

A female student in the recording is heard asking Acevedo if she'll get a gift card if she votes for him. Acevedo responded, "Basically."

Huy Le, a member of Academic Senate, said that he went to Acevedo's table at the request of Bhuta.

"[Oscar's] campaign worker insisted I open my phone and vote right there," Le said.

Le also said he witnessed a campaign worker giving a phone to a student in order for them to immediately vote.

Cuevas also said that Acevedo kept campaigning even after the Board of Elections disqualified him, a violation of the election handbook.

Acevedo and his witnesses maintained that no students were forced to vote for him or given any gift cards in exchange for voting for him.

"I explicitly stated that [students] didn't need to vote for Oscar… to receive these items," said Michaela Cortez, an assistant on Acevedo's campaign.

After closing arguments from both sides, the judiciary went into a closed session for its deliberation.

The ASI judiciary ordered ASI to temporarily put a halt to the presidential runoff elections.

The judiciary said it would hold a meeting at a later date to give its decision on Acevedo v. the Board of Elections.

Mitosis and conquer

Grant will aid the biotechnology program in preparing students for long-term career opportunities as stem cell researchers.

By Daily 49er staff

A new grant from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine will help sustain the stem cell program at Cal State Long Beach.

The $3.05 million grant allows undergraduate, post-baccalaureate and master's students in the CSULB biotechnology program to continue to be trained in the theory and techniques of stem cell research, according to a press release from the university.

Currently, the stem cell track of the post-baccalaureate Biotechnology Certificate Program comprises two years. The first year consists of coursework and laboratory research supported by extensive mentoring, according to Lisa Klig, the director of the Biotechnology Certificate Program, in a press release.

Undergraduates are allowed to participate in the program while concurrently working towards their bachelor's degree, which they must complete in order to receive a certificate.

During the second year, 10 students are selected for the stem cell internship to perform full-time, paid research in one of more than 30 stem cell laboratories at Cedars-Sinai, City of Hope and UC Irvine.

"These students [will] remain part of CSULB's biotechnology program and will receive a $30,000 stipend, plus up to $7,000 for tuition, and $2,500 to participate in a stem cell training course, bringing the total investment in each student to nearly $40,000," Klig said.

During the internship, students will be involved in a variety of projects including exploring cures for brain cancer and leukemia, treating spinal cord injury and researching stem cell biology.

"Nearly 100 percent of the students completing this program have been offered positions for further study or employment in the stem cell biotechnology workforce," Klig said.

Klig is hopeful that the new CIRM grant will aid the biotechnology program in preparing students to enter the California workforce with long-term career opportunities as stem cell researchers.

State misses goal of 25 percent water use cutbacks

After nine months of tearing out lawns, letting green road medians go brown and cutting back outdoor watering days, nearly half of Orange County's water suppliers still failed to meet long-range conservation mandates.

As a whole, the state fell short of Gov. Jerry Brown's 25 percent conservation target as a year-to-year slip in February brought the state's nine-month water savings to 23.9 percent, a tic under the goal set last spring.

The state did, however, save about 1.9 million acre-feet of water between June 2015 and February 2016, enough to provide a year's worth of water for 5.9 million Californians.

The conservation program originally expired in February. Since then the rules have been extended, though specific targets are easing for many districts, including north and central Orange County districts that draw water from the county's groundwater basin.

The hot and dry conditions in February prompted Californians to irrigate their lawns more, which reduced the monthly water use cuts to a paltry 12 percent. It was the lowest savings since June, when the clock started ticking on Brown's order.

"In February, things didn't work out quite so well," said Max Gomberg, climate and conservation manager at the State Water Board. "February was one of the warmest on record, and it was dry in much of the state, particularly the central and southern part of the state."

Conservation efforts in Southern California started out bullish in June of last year, with water districts across the region trimming use by 23 percent. Reductions stayed above 20 percent through October; in November, the region's conservation dropped to 14 percent. In February, Southern California's reduction was was only 7 percent.

Each water district in the state was assigned a different conservation mandate based on past water use, with targets ranging from 4 to 36 percent, compared to usage in 2013. In Orange County, Fullerton missed its target by the largest amount, 8 percentage points. Newport Beach, La Habra and San Juan Capistrano also failed to meet their targets by more than 7 percentage points.

Though no Orange County water districts were fined for failing to comply with conservation order, four others in Southern California were: Beverly Hills, Redlands, Indio and Coachella Valley.

"There are some urban water suppliers who are quite simply not doing enough," said Cris Carrigan, chief of the State Water Board's Office of Enforcement.

Other communities, however, didn't meet targets because "their targets were just too tough," said Felicia Marcus, the state water board's chairwoman. In many cases, cities missed their opportunity to scale back water use in the summer, when it would have been easier, and couldn't make up ground during the winter, she said.

In the meantime, the adjusted water conservation mandates will remain in place until October. Officials said Monday that water supplies are in better shape than a year ago -- when Sierra snowpack levels were the worst in 500 years -- but warned that the drought is not over.

"We're nowhere near having a drought-over party," said Marcus, the state water board chair. "No champagne and confetti yet."

—Aaron Orlowski, The Orange County Register, TNS



CSULB 2016

May Intersession
Three-Week Session
May 16–June 3 (SSI)
www.ccpe.csulb.edu/intersession

Summer Sessions
Two 6-Week Sessions
May 23–July 1 (S1S)
July 5–August 12 (S3S)
One 12-Week Session
May 23–August 12 (SSD)
www.ccpe.csulb.edu/summer

More than 75 Online Summer Classes

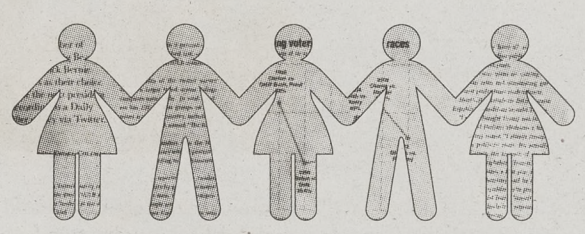
Earn units toward your degree
No formal admission to CSULB required
Enroll on a "space available" basis

Register Now!

#DoersDo
@CSULBInterSessn

(800) 963-2250
CCPE-info@csulb.edu

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH
COLLEGE OF CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION



Stay connected.

Follow the @Daily49er on:

DAILY 49ER www.daily49er.com

Top five local places to eat off campus

For those days you have more than an hour break, explore good eats outside of campus.

BY YASMIN CORTEZ
Social Media Editor

For those days you have more than an hour to spare and on-campus food simply doesn't seem appealing, the community right outside of campus has a variety of local restaurants to choose from and unique food. Don't settle for anything, expand and go beyond the Cal State Long Beach barriers. From Vietnamese to healthy smoothies to Korean burritos, Long Beach has it all. Here are some unique places to eat all within a 2 mile radius of campus.



Yago Juice
1.3 miles from campus
2125 N. Bellflower Blvd.
Mon-Sat 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Juice Bar, Acai Bowls

Pressed juices, acai bowls and smoothies are the holy trinity to this health haven. If you want to eat healthy but a salad isn't going to cover it, this is the spot to be at. The acai bowls are huge compared to the ones at Robeks and for the same price. You have to keep your eyes peeled for this placed because there's no business sign other than a tiny chalk board stand outside the door (they just opened up last year.) Check out their Yelp page for a 10 percent off discount for first timers. Start eating fresh!



Nam Vietnamese Eatery
0.9 miles from campus
5716 E. Seventh St., Suite B-5
Mon-Sun 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Vietnamese, Coffee, Tea

Not only is this conveniently close to campus but the restaurant also has a 10 percent off student discount. Milk tea, passion fruit tea, vietnamese coffee and the list goes on for drinks. The best here is the traditional pho and fried bananas (if you check in on Yelp you get one on the house.) The staff is super friendly and once you're done eating it's easy to pop right next door to Afters for ice cream.



Seoulmate
1.4 miles from campus
4712 E. Seventh St.
Tue-Sat 11 a.m. -10 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Korean, Asian Fusion, Mexican

Two words. Korean burrito. This Asian fusion cuisine bursts with flavor with hints of Mexican influence. This is the true hidden gem of Long Beach that will easily fill the everyday starving college student. It's very tiny and almost hidden but it's also not hard to miss the bright pink building. Parking is a little difficult but you can receive a free cookie with an apology note from the restaurant on days when it is simply terrible. The outdoor weather-proof patio is poppin' with string lights and great music playing in the background. What you should go for is the Oldboy burrito with a huge ice cream cookie sandwich for dessert. It's LIT.



Viento y Agua Coffeehouse and Gallery
1.8 miles from campus
4007 E. Fourth St.
Mon-Wed 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Thu-Fri 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat 7 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Coffee, Tea, Pastries

Mexican art and coffee. That's all you really have to know about this place. It has a San Fran-esque vibe but ironically it's easy to drive by without even knowing it's there. If you want a laid back place to chill with Mexican hipster aesthetics, you've found your true calling at Viento y Agua. There is free Wi-Fi and open mic nights for all the artists out there. The Mexican Mocha is what you would want to get for those late nights doing homework. There are a lot of other unique funky drinks with amazing bagels and pastries. If you have trouble picking one, make it a goal to try all of them!



Fantastic Cafe
0.6 miles from campus
1180 N. Studebaker Rd.
Mon-Sun 7 a.m.-11 p.m.
Breakfast, Brunch, Mexican, Burgers

This place is so close to campus you could walk there to avoid losing your parking spot. Right off the freeway, Fantastic Cafe offers breakfast all day, Mexican food, burgers, chili dogs, delicious shakes and more. It has a sort of homey feel inside and cute booths to sit at while munching on the complimentary chips and salsa. Students can receive a 10 percent off discount with a valid school ID and use the free Wi-Fi for homework. It's conveniently open from 7 a.m. til 11 p.m. so no matter when your class ends,

PHOTOS BY YASMIN CORTEZ | DAILY 49ER

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

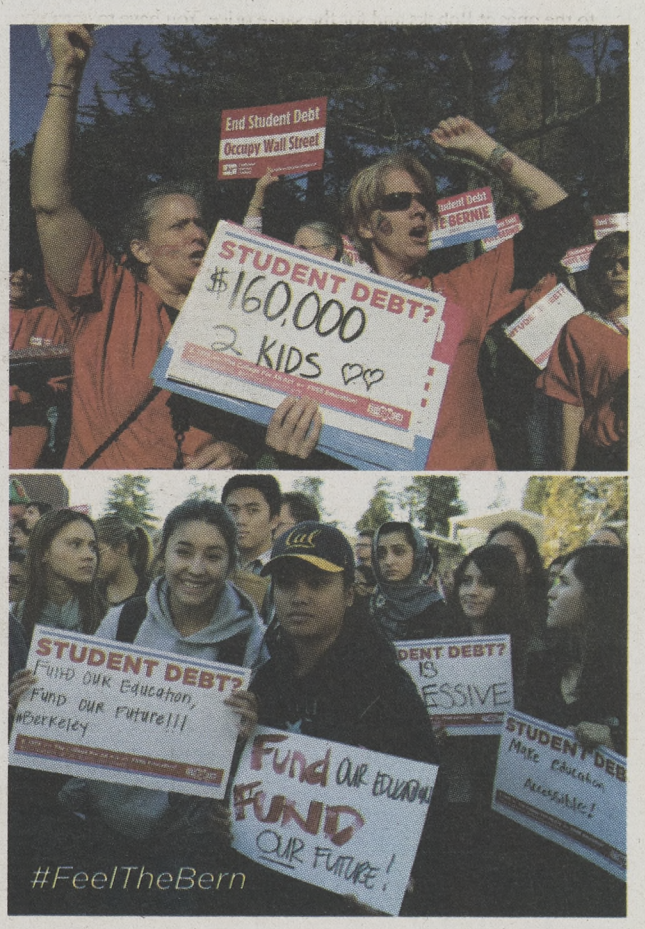
MAKE IT COUNT FOR BERNIE



Your vote for Bernie Sanders is too important to get lost in the rush of finals and summer travels. **Vote by mail before summer break »» and fall term could be revolutionary!**

Send your ballot in early — by mail — and you could graduate into a world with »

- » Free tuition at all public colleges and universities
- » No student debt
- » Healthcare for all
- » Real action on climate change
- » Jobs with living wages



STUDENTS FOR BERNIE!
2016
National Nurses United

Paid for by National Nurses United for Patient Protection, www.NationalNurses-United.org. Not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee.

Students in California »»» Register as a Dem by May 23 to Vote & Sign Up to Vote By Mail:
www.CAStudentsVote4Bernie.org

Have questions? Want to get involved? Call the Student Voter Registration Hotline:
1-800-504-8663

Dance it out

CSULB College of the Arts and Department of Dance hosts dance concert April 20-23.

BY LISA WILLISTON
Staff Writer

The Cal State Long Beach College of the Arts and Department of Dance are hosting a performance entitled "CSULB Dance in Concert" featuring two nationally and internationally acclaimed choreographers April 20-23.

The show will consist of six separate performances, two of which were choreographed by guest artists.

"Of the Earth Far Below" by guest artist Doug Varone will start the night off. The event press release stated this piece consists of a combination of fluid motion and agility as the dancers fall apart from one another and regroup to form dispersed trios and duets.

Guest artist Laurel Jenkins's piece "Spring" follows with a performance that celebrates the significance each dancer's contribution has on a composition as a whole. This piece mainly focuses on the labor of dance and what it takes to execute an exceptional performance.

The following dances feature choreography from the CSULB faculty. All performers in "CSULB Dance in Concert" are undergraduate students, seeking both bachelor's degrees and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees.

"Students also design lighting for some pieces, which requires a good deal of skill and creative talent," said concert director Lorin Johnson. "Taylor Worden [senior dance major] created the lighting for Colleen Dunagan's 'Coil' as well as Andrew Vaca's 'Fences.'"

The faculty has put together a series of pieces that present a variety of topics and techniques.

Dunagan's "Coil" mixes the hip-hop and electronica genres to create a high-energy piece rooted in vigor and athleticism.

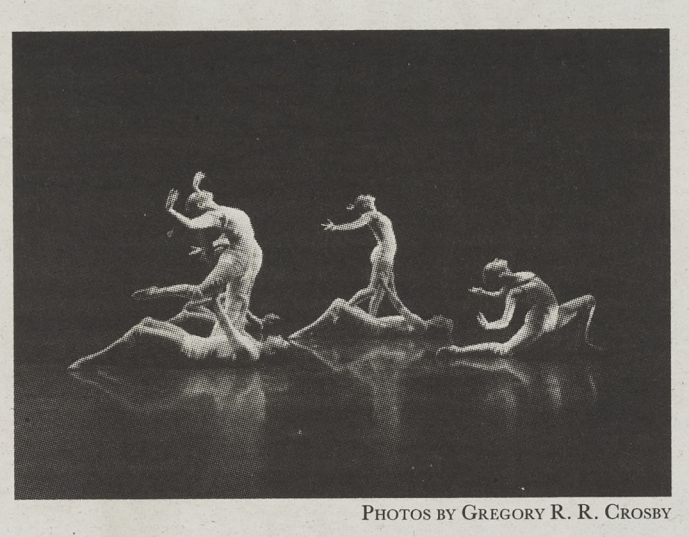
"Witnesse" by Rebecca Lemme draws inspiration from ancient symbols of female power in her choreography. Her piece addresses the vulnerability and strength drawn from femininity.

Sophie Monet's "Corrente Vivace" is a contemporary ballet on pointe inspired by Arcangelo Corelli's music from his Concerti Grossi, Opus 6.

The last performance will feature Andrew Vaca's piece "Fences," which focuses on the aftermath of a relationship and the body's desire to retract to the past.

The concert will be held in the Martha B. Knoebel Dance Theater at 8 p.m. with the exception of one matinee performance at 2 p.m. April 23.

Tickets are on sale now and cost $20 for general admission and $16 for students, seniors and Dance Resource Center members.





PHOTOS BY GREGORY R. R. CROSBY

Not a regular opera, a cool opera

Opera students hope to reach more audiences with production written in English.

BY SARA DELEON
Staff Writer

Historically, opera may feel different to Westerners. The idea of an opera is more familiar when partnered with thoughts of Italy, Germany or Spain -- and the foreign languages that accompany each country. However, the Opera Institute of Cal State Long Beach hopes to redefine this notion by producing an opera sung in English: "The Bartered Bride."

It's about a not-so-typical love story.

Based in Eastern Europe, a young woman, Marenka, is being sold to the son of a particular couple, by a marriage broker named Kecal that binds marriages through contracts and receives commision or payment. But the couple have a long lost son, Jenik, who is in a relationship with Marenka.

"She's a wreck through most of it because they're forcing her to marry someone she doesn't know," said Brian Farrell, CSULB music faculty and conductor of the Repertory Opera Company of Los Angeles.

Jenik is approached by Kecal to give up his love to Marenka in exchange for payment. Kecal can then sell her to the couple's other son and get the commission. Jenik agrees but only because he is the only one aware that he is technically their son too and will get to be with his love in the end within contractual agreements. But most of the play concerns her emotional torment because she is unaware of the family ties.

"They really establish their love in the beginning of the opera but then he nonchalantly says "Yeah, fine I'll give her up for gold' and she can't believe that he would do that but he secretly knows they'll be together in the end so he's not too worried but she's really tormented," Farrell said.

With the same choreographer that worked on the CSULB production of "Rent," "The Bartered Bride" also comes outfitted with a full orchestra, dancing, girls on roller skates — and possibly some acrobats and a circus performance.

"The Bartered Bride" is written by Czech composer Bedrich Smetana. It first premiered at the Prague National Theatre on May 30, 1866.

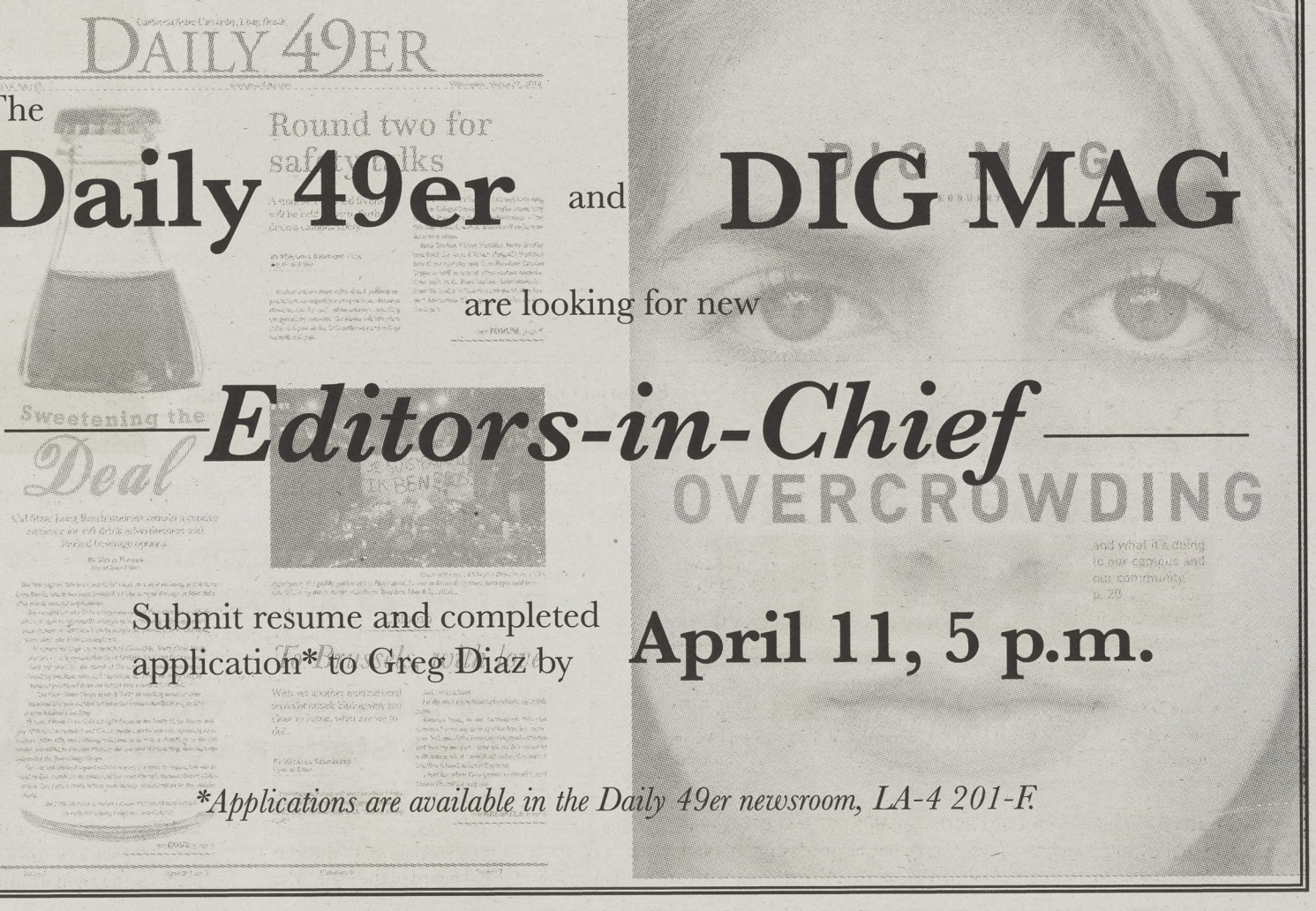
This production of the opera will not be set in the 1800s but an ambiguous modern-day scene. Director Andrew Chown said he was given the chance to come up with some interesting non-traditional concepts to gear it towards a younger audience.

"We've made up our own world and that's what's fun about it," Chown said. "It's our own vocabulary."

The opera will be shown at the University Theatre from April 8 to 10. Tickets are $25 for general admission and $15 for students.

stay up to date with D49er tweets

@daily49er



I've already made my picket sign

If the CFA strikes, I will be there to show my support.

BY TARYN SAUER
Staff Writer



WES BAUSMITH | TNS

The unfolding battle between the California Faculty Association and California State University began as a blip in my peripheral vision last year. Now, as I continue to investigate the Fight for Five's progress, the more I learn, the more I can't keep my mouth shut.

When I first began field research on the Fight for Five campaign, I interviewed a class and was surprised to hear that most, if not all, of the students had barely heard of it. It was two months into the semester, and despite constant news coverage, the word still wasn't out there.

As I dug further, I began to hear what seemed to be outlandish facts I had a hard time accepting as truth.

The CSU system is a $5 billion enterprise with $2 billion in reserves.

According to reports conducted by the CFA, while professors haven't received a raise in nearly 10 years, students' tuition has skyrocketed 283 percent since 2005. In fact, California faculty took a 10 percent pay cut in the 2009/2010 school year and lost $9,000 in purchasing power per faculty member.

While the average salary for a tenured professor is $85,000, administration, such as CSU presidents, get paid roughly $300,000 in addition to being allowed to live mortgage-free in a university-owned house or take a $50,000 annual housing allowance and a $1,000 per month car allowance.

CSU Chancellor Timothy White makes as much money as the president of the United States.

While the hiring of full-time professors has gradually decreased since 2004, the hiring of administration has significantly increased.

I have no qualms with administration. I believe the university should be able to grow in the name of education. I do, however, take issue with a system that prioritizes bureaucracy over functionality.

It is fundamental that professors are able to retain a stable living wage, and not only that, but that they receive adequate compensation for the work that has so many lasting effects upon society. Their daily lives not only affect my life now, as a student, but are a glance into life after graduation.

If most of my professors are not able to make enough to be considered middle-class citizens, with master's degrees and PhDs, how can I?

This question lends itself to even greater concerns and I'm left wondering why the CSU system considers my position as a student the last of its priorities, because if the value of professors is placed below that of administration, I, therefore, become lowest on the totem pole.

Some elders have said that perhaps it is that we, as the student body, have become somewhat passive, that we have become silent and complacent, only able to see what is directly in front of us, too stressed out to worry about anything else but what is due tomorrow.

But, this matter does concern us, and we have the capacity to react in a meaningful way. In recent weeks, I have seen this campus rise together and speak out against institutions that plague both our classrooms and our community. We should do the same to support our professors, our sources of learning, our confidants in pursuing higher education.

There is something wrong with a system that forces professors to split classes between multiple campuses in order to make a living wage. I've heard of a professor who splits his classes between five different campuses in the LA area. How is that acceptable?

Nearly 45 percent of the CSU faculty are adjunct professors who often make less than $55,000 a year. That is less than the average for community college professors and K-12 teachers. It is even less than a retail manager makes before a bonus — a profession which requires no degree.

What does that say about California, which continues to cut budgets to education every year?

The CSU is supposed to be the "People's University," but how can it hold such a name when it cannot properly uphold its mission statement, which is to provide "education [as] the means to expand minds and change lives [in order] to improve our communities" and "support the educational process?" All of these begin with professors.

If the CFA and CSU do not come to an agreement during the two-day blackout period, a temporary halt to public discussion as both parties attempt to draft a solution, I will take a stand in the picket line alongside Cal State Long Beach professors and use my presence to voice the importance of honoring California faculty.

As neither party has budged since the negotiations first began last year, it is difficult to say whether or not the discussion will be successful. When the fact-finding report was released on March 28, both parties claimed victory, even though the report clearly stated that the CSU should provide the CFA with the 5 percent salary increase.

I am holding out on some bit of hope, though. The chancellor's first-time presence at the April 5 meeting, where he echoed many the CFA's concerns, seems to be a step in the right direction.

But, if no deal is reached, you can find me at the picket line starting April 13.

Daily 49er

Editorial Office
Phone (562) 985-8000
Fax (562) 985-7994
1250 Bellflower Blvd., LA4-201
Long Beach, CA
90840-4601

General Manager
Beverly Munson
(562) 985-5736

Design Adviser **Gary Metzker**
Content Adviser **Barbara Kingsley-Wilson**

Business Office
Phone (562) 985-8001
Fax (562) 985-1740
1250 Bellflower Blvd., LA4-203A
Long Beach, CA
90840-4601

Greg Diaz
Editor-in-Chief
eicd49er@gmail.com
(562) 985-7998

Madison D'Ornellas
Managing Editor
managingd49er@gmail.com

News Editor **Ariana Sawyer** cityd49er@gmail.com
Arts and Life Editor **Miranda Andrade-Ceja** artsnlifed49er@gmail.com
Sports Editor **Josh Barajas** sportsd49er@gmail.com
Opinions Editor **Micayla Vermeeren** opedd49er@gmail.com

Photo Editor **Trang Le**
Design Editor **Emilio Aldea**
Copy Editor **Liam Brown**
Social Media Editor **Yasmin Cortez**
Special Projects Editor **Kevin Flores**
Exec. Video Producer **Johnny Romero**

Assistant News Editor **Valerie Osier**
Assistant News Editor **Abilene Carrillo**
Assistant Sports Editor **William Hernandez**
Assistant Arts & Life Editor **Shawnkira Sanchez**
Assistant Design Editor **Lindsey Maeda**
Assistant Design Editor **Lindsay Peters**
Assistant Photo Editor **Bobby Yagake**
Assistant Social Media Editor **Armando Jacobo**
Assistant Copy Editor **Alisia Ruble**

Editorials: All opinions expressed in the columns, letters and cartoons in this issue are those of the writers or artists. The opinions of the Daily 49er are expressed only in unsigned editorials and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the journalism department or the views of all staff members. All such editorials are written by the editorial board of the Daily 49er.

Letters Policy: All letters and e-mail must bear the phone number of the writer and must be no more than 300 words. The Daily 49er reserves the right to edit letters for publication in regard to space.

BASEBALL

Rivera running through batters at LBSU

LBSU freshman Chris Rivera has become a force in the bullpen, leading the nation with 11 saves.

By Matthew Simon
Staff Writer

In his first appearance as a Dirtbag, freshman pitcher Chris Rivera was called on to close the game with his team clutching a 2-1 lead against Holy Cross University in the ninth inning.

Facing Anthony Critelli with a 1-2 count Rivera wound up and hurled the ball toward home plate.

Critelli swung and cracked a single to center field, the first hit of Rivera's short career by the first batter he faced.

"I knew this was going to be a lot to take on," Rivera said about becoming the closer as a freshman. "But I didn't get too intimidated by it."

The freshman showed his composure and retired the next three batters for the first save of his career to clinch the Dirtbags' win. Rivera's calm and collected demeanor has allowed him to stay relaxed with the game on-the-line.

Now 28 games into the season, Rivera is tied for the nation's lead in saves with 11 in 13 appearances and has become the go-to closer for LBSU.

"He pitches bigger than his size," Dirtbags head coach Troy Buckley said. "He pitches like a 6-foot-3 guy would from a mentality standpoint."

Rivera, who is listed at 5-foot-10, is one of the smallest players on the team, but he hasn't let it get to him and instead uses it as a chip on his shoulder when he steps on the mound.

"I've always been an undersized guy," Rivera said. "Fortunately, baseball isn't a game where you have to be [6-feet-5-inches] to be successful. I've never let it affect me too much. It doesn't matter how big or small you are, it's all about heart over height."

The freshman got the nod to close out games while senior Ty Provencher, last year's closer, rehabbed an arm injury. The injury allowed Rivera to close in his stead.

While the right-hander has been solid this year, he credits Provencher as one of the guys who has helped him transition and get used to the game at the collegiate level.

"I've gotten to know Ty as a teammate and first as a mentor," Rivera said. "He's helped me with the mental aspect and helped me get a feel for the game. He's helped me a lot."

The right-hander had a blown save against Oklahoma, but has closed the deal in his six attempts since.

"There's going to be more mistakes, but at this point he's our closer," Buckley said. "I like his character a lot. He doesn't need to go out there and save another game after blowing a game to figure out he's got character. But it's nice for him to rebound and do things crisper and cleaner."

While Rivera is tied with VCU's Sam Donko for the nation's lead in saves, it hasn't given him immunity to doing some grunt work that he rotates with the other freshman. One those duties includes carrying a pink backpack during games.

"It's full of candy," Rivera said. "It's a big secret, nobody knows what's in the bag. But, it's filled with candy. Everybody brings a bag and we switch off too so other freshman have to do it, too. I do it frequently. I don't mind doing it; I think it's funny."

Coming out of high school, Rivera had two offers from Big West schools, one from LBSU and one from Cal State Fullerton. The right-hander pointed to his visit at LBSU that helped him decide to become a Dirtbag when he made his final decision.

"It's the program and the tradition that drew me here," Rivera said. "You hear about the history, but once you get down here it really is a tradition. I really felt at home here."

Rivera, originally from Watsonville in northern California, was drawn to southern California, and it didn't hurt that some family thought highly of what LBSU had to offer.

"My mom didn't necessarily push me in any direction," Rivera said. "I do have to say that, out of all the trips, my mom did like this place the best. It didn't push me entirely, but you know what they say, 'moms always know what's right.'"

Regardless if the Major League is in his future or not, Rivera is going to control what's in front him one change-up at a time and ff the majors are in his future, Rivera knows who he would gear his game toward.

"If the majors are in my future I'd have to emulate guys like Sergio Romo," Rivera said. "[The] smaller undersized guys just because we're pretty similar."



John Fajardo | LBSU Athletics
Freshman pitcher Chris Rivera is 11 for 12 in save opportunities this season with a 2.70 ERA and eight strikeouts in 13.1 innings pitched. His save total is tied for highest in the nation.

SPORTS PREVIEWS

Men's volleyball

Who: UC San Diego
(5-21, 0-20)

When: Friday at 7 p.m.

Where: RIMAC Arena, San Diego

Need to know: Long Beach State (21-6, 15-5) dominates the all-time series 62-5 and has won eight straight matchups against the Tritons, the last six of which it won by a score of 3-0. The Last time UCSD won a set against the 49ers was on Jan. 26, 2013 and the last time the won a match was on March 15, 2012.

UCSD enters Friday's matchup having failed to win a single conference game. The Tritons are 0-20 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation and are on a four game losing streak, losing all of those games by scores of 3-0.

Who: No. 14 UC Irvine
(9-18, 6-14)

When: Saturday at 7 p.m.

Where: Bren Events Center, Irvine

Need to know: The 49ers also lead the all-time series against the Anteaters 41-24, but on Saturday they'll try and sweep the season series against UCI for the first time since 2005. Both teams renewed their black and blue rivalry earlier in the season with Long Beach State taking a 3-0 win inside the Walter Pyramid on March 19.

Irvine's junior opposite Tamir Hershko leads the Anteaters with 4.07 kills per set while senior outside hitter Kyle Russell ranks second with 2.92. Hershko also averages 2.17 digs per set, good for second behind junior libero Dillon Hoffman's average of 2.29 dps.

Women's water polo

Who: Pomona-Pitzer
(9-14, 4-1)

When: Saturday at 7 p.m.

Where: Ken Lindgren Aquatics Center

Need to know: The 49ers (14-9, 2-0) enter their only game of the weekend against Pomona-Pitzer College having never lost to the Sagehens before. LBSU leads the all-time series against its Division III opponent 5-0 dating back to 2008.

In their last meeting, LBSU defeated Pomona-Pitzer 16-6 in Claremont on March 7, 2014. The Sagehens enter Saturday on a positive note. They picked up a 14-4 win against Caltech on Wednesday after receiving a 25-3 bashing against UCLA on Sunday.

Despite the sub-500 record, Pomona-Pitzer is 4-1 in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Baseball

Who: Cal State Northridge
(21-8, 0-3)

When: Friday at 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Where: Matador Field, Northridge

Need to know: The Dirtbags (17-11, 1-2) lead the all-time series against CSUN 76-60 and they swept the series against the Matadors last season.

However, this season CSUN is one of the surprise teams of the conference, going 21-5 in non-conference play this season.

CSUN boasts a lineup full of big bats, like senior first baseman Branden Berry (24 RBIs) and sophomore designated hitter Albee Weiss' (22 RBIs), and a deep pitching staff, with arms like Samuel Myers (1.82 ERA), Conner O'Neil (2.16 ERA), Kenny Rosenberg (2.27 ERA) and Angel Rodriguez (2.75 ERA).

Softball

Who: UC Davis
(13-17, 2-1)

When: Saturday at 1 and 3 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Where: La Rue Field, Davis

Need to know: Long Beach State (22-12, 2-1) leads the all-time series against the Aggies 28-8 dating back to 2005 and the 49ers have won eight of the last nine matchups between the two. UC Davis' last win against LBSU came last season on March 28, 2015, but the 49ers took the overall series 2-1.

The Aggies dropped their Big West opener against Hawai'i on Friday, but bounced back to shutout the Rainbow Wahine 1-0 and 3-0 in a doubleheader on Saturday.